**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—There might be lapses, for we find many.

**President.**—Then why not say so? But then there may be cases where allotments have not been fully utilised.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—It was admitted in this House that there were lapses. Now he says that all the amounts are spent.

**Mr. I. Raman Menon.**—That information is not available here. It can be supplied.

## Lapse of Panchayat allotments.

**141. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state the approximate amount that may lapse in the several items sanctioned for Panchayats this year;

2) the total amount not appropriated till 30th Mithunam 1104?

**Mr. I. Raman Menon.**—(1) and (2). It is not possible to furnish the information asked for before the year is out.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—The answer given is that it is not possible to furnish the information. Are there not accounts to show how much was spent till the 30th of Mithunam?

**Mr. I. Raman Menon.**—It is not possible.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Why not; are there not clear accounts?

**Mr. I. Raman Menon.**—A portion of the allotment is advanced to the various Panchayats under the imprest system, and final accounts have not been received. So it is not possible to find out what amount of the advanced amount has been spent actually.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Are there not at least accounts to show what amount has been advanced under the imprest system to the various Panchayats and how much amount was spent in that way?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—There may be amounts advanced and final accounts might not have been received. In the case where you do works departmentally, it is not possible always to give the exact amount of expenditure that has been involved by a particular time. In the case of the Public Works Department, where the works are done by contracts, there is no difficulty, because our accounts are closed every day, and we always find what money was spent every day.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Is it not the practice that amounts are paid only after the work is completed?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—In the Panchayat Department, money is advanced under the imprest system and not paid afterwards.

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**Mr. I. Raman Menon.**—Not the whole amount.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—The full amount is not advanced. Only a portion of the allotment is advanced to begin the work.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—My question is only regarding the provision, not with the money actually spent. Whatever is advanced to the Panchayats may be considered to have been actually spent. So the amount given as advances also might find a place there.

**Mr. I. Raman Menon.**—The amount advanced can also be furnished.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—So it is possible to give that information.

**Mr. I. Raman Menon.**—But not the amount spent.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—I asked for the total amount not appropriated.

**Mr. I. Raman Menon.**—Appropriated means spent also.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—It was so understood by the Government Member.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—It was misunderstood.

**Receipts from the Canal Department.**

**142. Mr. M. A. Chakko.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) what amount is realised by the Canal Department annually from people residing in Narakkal constituency as registration fee, etc., for boats and canoes owned or used by them; a table showing the last three years' figures may be given ;

(b) if the Government has rendered any navigation facilities to the public of the place in the shape of repairs and extensions of the canal system ;

(c) if the answer to question (b) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state what were the works executed during the last three years and the cost of each ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—(a) Average Rs.2,274 annually. A table is given below :—

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| In 1101 | Rs. 2,278—12—0 |
| ,, 1102 | Rs. 2,250— 4—0 |
| ,, 1103 | Rs. 2,294— 8—0 |

(b) Yes.

(c) A statement is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

**Mr. M. A. Chakko.**—My question relates to navigation facilities rendered by the Government. May I know whether the work in appendix I (1), opening a new north to south canal with cross canals in Elankunnapuzha and Narakkal villages, estimate amount Rs. 36,500, was it a navigation canal or an irrigation canal or both ?

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